

Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....AUGUST 18, 1880.

(For the Dispatch.)

Our Home.

Chaucer writes, "This worthy Hubert was call'd Hubert." This Hubert we regard as the immediate predecessor of our Hubert; for we know that in Chaucer's time followed by r was pronounced like modern e in the same position. Thus when he tells us that,

"A good man there was or never,
That was a poor person of a town."

We have no difficulty in apprehending that the person was a person. And

"Wide was his parish, and houses far asunder," informs us that the dwellings were far apart.

Speaking Hubert as it was pronounced gives us Hubert, substantially our present form. That Hubert was a variation of Hubert (bright Hugh) seems likely enough. So to our reflection, we think Max Sizelert right in viewing Hubert as a synonym of the baptismal Hubert.

A word, by way of digression, on the etymological connection of person and person, alluded to above. The persona (from sonore, "to sound," and per, "through") was in classical times a metallic mask worn by an actor for the purpose of giving greater resonance to his voice, ancient theatrical performances always taking place in the open air. From the mask to the character delineated under the mask the transition in the application of the word is natural, and the actor's persona became equivalent to the modern French term rôle. Next the character became an individual. No two professions seem further apart than the theatrical and the clerical; yet, although our modern person does not wear a mask (unless it be a figurative one), his identity with the ancient person is easily traceable through the English definition of the corporation as a parish—the person who receives the tithes, and who is the parent at least of his personification, in a legal sense. In the application of the word to clergymen we have changed the spelling so as to represent the old pronunciation; but in its general application we have retained the ancient spelling and given the word a new pronunciation. Similarly, compare "per" with *far* and *further*. Our surname, Parsons, is a possessive with the apostrophe omitted, and means originally the person's son.

Return we now to names ending in *ard*. Many of these are French. Thus Blanchard is the person who blanches or makes white—the washerman or whitewasher; or it may be synonymous with Fuller, and indicate the person whose occupation is that of bleaching or cleansing cloth; or perhaps it is simply descriptive of a pale complexion, like White and Fair and Fairchild.

Again, our right reverend friend, Bishop Quintard, of Tennessee, a courtly and affable gentleman, undoubtedly had among his offspring progenitors one of whims and crochets; for *quinte* in French means "a vagary, a whim, a croquette"; though the quality thus indicated in the name has certainly not been transmitted to the illustrious descendant.

Again, the Roman Catholic historian of England, Lingard, must be descended from a linen-draper, or else from the custodian of the linen in some baronial mansion; for *lin*, in French means "linen," from *lin*, "flax."

Once more: We have met with the name Tallard, which we take to be an occupant surname originally given to the owner of business it was too costly to give a William last of feudal times known as *taillié* or *tallage*. It has nothing to do with a person's height, any more than has the surname Tailbois, which is simply the French *taille-bois*—"wood-enter." So Tailleur (our modern Tailferro) was the cutter of iron, the armorer—a very important occupation during the middle ages—which more commonly now, however, appears under the more homely guise of Smith. The cutter of cloth is *taillleur*, our Taylor; Tailair may be its synonym, but we think "vilein-tax-collector" its more probable meaning.

Other of these *ard* surnames are pure English, in which the final syllable signifies *ward* or *guardian*. Of these hereafter.

CHARLES DOD.

Corn Indeed.

"RED HOUSE," BUCKINGHAM CO., VA., AUGUST 16, 1880.

Editors Dispatch: I noticed in your paper a few days ago a statement in reference to some corn 14 feet 7 inches tall. The drought must have been quite severe where it was grown to have cut it so short. I carried (with the aid of a boy) to my house this evening some stalks that measured 204 inches in height—exactly 17 feet. Anything under 15 feet we shall call short corn.

Yours truly, JAMES B. FICKLEN.

Speed of the Antelope and Greyhound (From Land and Water.)

Although rather late in the day, kindly allow me to make a few remarks regarding the relative speed of greyhounds and antelopes. In your article on this subject, at page 317 of your issue of Aug. 12, you say you imagine a good English greyhound is a match in speed for the best of the antelope tribe on the racing-ground. The two speediest kinds of deer that we have in India, which are also I believe, the only kinds in the country that frequent open ground, are the spiral-horned antelope, that commonly goes by the name of the black buck (*Antelope cervi capre*), and the chinkara, or rusa deer (*Gazella bennettii*), a smaller animal than the black buck. When I was inexperienced in their ways I frequently coursed deer of both sorts with fast and well-bred English greyhounds—some of them the stock of the old Waterloo cup-winner, King Death—but where the ground has been fairly hard I have never found that the greyhound had the slightest chance. After hard rain, in heavy, sticky soil, greyhounds can sometimes pull down a full-grown deer; but under ordinary circumstances my experience, which is as extensive as that of most men, has shown that is worse than useless to set greyhounds after full-grown deer, if un wounded and in good health, as the deer do not go straight away from the dog, but bound quietly along just in front of them, thus leading them on for a long distance, and appearing to enjoy the fun. When tired of amusing themselves in this way they go off at full speed, and are almost out of sight of the dogs in no time. The greyhounds are frequently run to a standstill, besides getting their pads worn out and their fore-legs badly cut by overreaching, and they sometimes have to be laid up for several days before they are fit to use again. I have heard that at Sanger the black buck has occasionally been run down by greyhounds.

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A WARM CONTEST.

TENNESSEE'S DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR ON THE HOME OUTLOOK.

THE PARTY NOT LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE CONVENTION BOLTERS—SINGULAR POSITION IN WHICH THE REPUBLICANS OF THE STATE FIND THEMSELVES—THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS.

(Special to the Louisville Courier-Journal.) NASHVILLE, August 15.—Governor John W. Wright, with whom your correspondent had an interesting interview, is a handsome man of some fifty-two years of age, a blonde with a fine blue-gray eye, round almost to corpulence, looking more like the traditional alderman than a Governor; a native of McNairy county, but now for a long time a practicing attorney of Maury county, full of humor and wit, of deep legal learning, and the very perfection of a man of the world.

"What are your plans for the future as regards the canvass?" said I.

"I shall begin to canvass actively so soon as the committee agrees on a list of appointments. I shall go to every portion of the State I can and address the people. I shall make no personal war on any of my opponents. I shall treat them with respect and kindness personally, and no doubt they will do me likewise. The public records of us all are open for inspection and discussion. I shall endeavor to convince the people of all parties that

GOOD FAITH

is quite as important in States and governments as it is with individuals. If the State is really unable to pay all she justly owes, she should pay what she can, and this with States as with individuals, always gives satisfaction. I feel like I am able to make a very thorough canvass, and I want the work to begin at once. Let the people know that the time issues are stripped of all brush, and then will do what is right and just, in my opinion of them."

"What are the prospects of success for the State-credit Democracy?"

"I think we shall have a warm and exciting contest. There are four candidates in the field, each claiming to be the head of a party—the Democratic party, the Bolters, the Republican, and the Greenback. The candidate of the Greenback party is a moderator and the platform so declares. I feel no doubt.

THE DEMOCRACY WILL WIN.

I found everything looking well on my trip to Milan, and I think that whatever little dissatisfaction existed will in due time come out all right. I think an active canvass requested by the people the greatest necessity for settling the State debt and the imminent consequences of repudiation, and I think we shall win by a large majority."

"Will the division in the Democratic ranks endanger the success of the party?"

"I don't think so. Democrats don't love bolters or bolters much. They love their party, and believe it has saved them in the past and is their hope in the future. It will be very difficult to get the people as mad as the bolting members of the Convention were. The people are not generally office-seekers. All they want is a good, sound, honest, and upright government."

FURE AND ECONOMICAL GOVERNMENT,

and the Democrats in this State are not much of a living the track. They quarrel fiercely before the nomination is made, but generally vote the straight-out ticket. This is no experience with Democrats, and the same thing will happen again, in my opinion."

"Is there any hope of the bolters reconsidering their action and coming back to the ranks of the true Democracy?"

"I can't tell how this is. I wish they would do so, especially on account of some young men they have among them. They have some young men who are men of great promise, and whose services will be needed in the future, and my experience is that when a young man sets out by bolting he generally keeps it up. When he has once thrown off his allegiance to his party he seems to believe afterward that to be the best way to carry his points, by

THREATENING TO BOLT.

It is like a horse who has balked once—he is hard to cure of it. I wish they would all reconsider their action and come along with us and help us fight the Republicans. After November we won't need them so badly, and they might not get back on as easy terms as they can now. Now is the time; and if they come for me I shall welcome them. I think I know some of them who are sorry for what has happened."

"What is the outlook for the low-credit faction?"

"Very poor, I should say. I can't see what they can expect. The Democratic party will have to settle the question. The Republicans won't settle it if they can, and can't do it if they desire to, and so with the Greenbackers. In fact, I think they both want to keep the question open so as to protract the quarrel among the Democrats. Settle this question fairly, and neither the Republican party nor the Greenback party would have any more chance in Tennessee."

IF THE DEMOCRACY WILL GO FORWARD,

as they will, and settle the question, we shall soon hear no more of Republicanism, and bolters, and bolters—all will share a common fate. If the Republicans are really in favor of paying the whole debt, as they say in their platform they are, the only result will be to elect Hawkins, who is for paying the whole debt. I can't see why Wilson and Savage had rather see the debt paid by the Republicans than by the Democrats. A vote for Wilson or Edwards is, in my opinion, a vote for Hawkins, though it may not be so intended, and yet I feel pretty sure they will not be enough of that sort to endanger our ticket. But it is safe to work."

"Can the Republicans secure sufficient support by the division of the Democracy and the popularity of their candidate to elect him?"

"I have no idea they can, in view of the fact that we expect to have a perfect organization. If we are beaten it will not be for want of work. The young men in the Democratic party are taking a hand, and a strong one, too. They seem to realize the fact that they have

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